



**WINNER ...**  
Overall best hat  
Dianne  
Mulrooney.



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**A POPULAR golf club was awash with pink as part of a special event organised to raise vital funds to help combat breast cancer.**

Live racing from Ascot, a fine lunch, afternoon tea and attractive stalls at Branston Golf and Country Club's Pavilion set the scene for a stunning display of more than 100 ladies who descended on the site, off Fairway, all in the aid of charity. Decked out in their finery, the women helped raised more than £1,000 at the Pink Ribbon Ladies Ascot Ladies Day for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Angela Haywood, organiser of the highly successful day, spoke to the Mail about the occasion.

She said: "Branston Golf and Country Club members, their guests and visitors from other areas welcomed an exciting opportunity to dress to impress, enjoy themselves and have real fun while benefitting Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity.

"The atmosphere and feedback was terrific.

"We're very grateful to Branston Golf and Country Club and Pinocchio's Italian Restaurant for their support and sponsorship."

Started four years ago, this year's Pink Ribbon Ladies Ascot Ladies Day Lunch with live racing from Ascot and the arrival of Her Majesty The Queen, commented by Claire Balding, attracted some 115 ladies for a fun day with chances to win prizes guessing the results of the races and dressing up as though they really were at the world famous race day.

Sue Hyde, of Repton, stole the show as the overall best dressed lady and Diane Mulrooney sported the best hat as dozens of women fought it out to be crowned number one.

Mrs Haywood added: "Our regular lunches, with interesting speakers, on the first Wednesday of every month are already attracting more than 50 ladies and, in addition to our Ascot Ladies Day, the biggest event is our Christmas Market – this year taking place on November 19, with tickets selling fast.

"I'd welcome hearing from anyone who'd like more information on our Pink Ribbon Ladies events and can be contacted on 01283 566484 – you don't have to be a Branston Club member to join us."

Anyone who would like to learn more about the group and what it does is urged to head online and visit [www.branstonclub.co.uk](http://www.branstonclub.co.uk)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Alerts over exploding e-cigarette chargers

RESIDENTS in South Derbyshire are being warned to be extra vigilant when charging electronic cigarettes following incidents where devices have exploded.

Derbyshire County Council's trading standards team have issued the warning after several reports of electronic cigarette batteries overheating or exploding while being charged.

County council trading standards officers recently carried out a sampling exercise following dozens of complaints about unsafe e-cigarette chargers and batteries.

They visited 14 shops across the county and bought re-fillable e-cigarettes, wall chargers and e-liquids in March and April mainly from independent shops specialising in the products.

The products were sent away for testing and results showed that many of the items purchased did not meet acceptable safety standards.

### Two arrested in town centre over bag theft

TWO men have been arrested on suspicion of snatching a woman's handbag in Burton town centre.

The theft happened outside Barclays bank, in High Street, shortly before the suspects were arrested at 1.45pm yesterday.

One was handcuffed near St Peter's Bridge and the other apprehended in Market Place.

### Nine new homes for agricultural land

NINE homes could be built in a South Derbyshire village on agriculture land.

J Braithwaite, of Breadsall, has applied to South Derbyshire District Council for permission to build the homes and a new access on land adjacent to Coalpit Lane, Coton in the Elms, Swadlincote.

The applicant said the submitted traffic statement established that the most suitable access strategy for the proposed development is an unadopted shared driveway. (Appropriate) visibility splays can be provided at the site access. These can be achieved without crossing third party land boundaries.

The statement from the applicant added: "It is considered the scale of the development would be designed so as to be in keeping with the site surroundings; such that the development would not look out of character with the neighbouring properties.

### Ten protected trees to get the chop at park

TEN trees protected by a preservation order are to be chopped down.

Joe Spence, of Fountains, in North Yorkshire, has been given permission by South Derbyshire District Council to chop down three sycamores, two birch, two oaks, an elm, a beech and a willow, in Drakelow Park, in Walton Road, Drakelow.

The trees will be chopped due to their proximity to power lines.

### School set to host car boot sale for the public

A PRIMARY school near Burton is inviting people to pitch up and sell their wares at a car boot sale.

Outwoods Primary School will be hosting the event on June 29, and is urging as many people as possible to get involved.

Booters should arrive by 7am, and gates open to the public at 8am. The cost for sellers is £5 per car.

## Cancer survivor and MP applaud praise from the PM

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Andrew Griffiths is a big supporter of the efforts made to encourage people to come forward as potential bone marrow donors.

"Leukaemia bone marrow transplants have better outcomes if the donor has the same tissue type as the person who is receiving the donation, which is why the Mail's campaign is so important."

Mr Cameron's praise comes after the Mail launched the campaign in a bid to save the life of 33-year-old Katherine, of Balfour Street, Burton.

Diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), she was told the only way she would live was through a bone marrow transplant.

The Mail asked readers to spare

five minutes to donate blood and register as a bone marrow donor. Thankfully, two months later a donor was found.

The PM added: "It is great to hear that a donor was found for Katherine and she is now doing well following her transplant, but I hope the campaign can find donors for the many others battling leukaemia who are awaiting a potentially lifesaving individual to come forward."

Mrs Sinfield struggled to contain her joy after learning that the Prime Minister had backed her efforts.

She said: "I'm thrilled that the Take Five Minutes campaign has now received recognition from the Prime Minister.

"When the campaign started, I

said that it wasn't a campaign for me but for every unfortunate patient who faces the news they need a transplant to survive.

"It's great to see that we have achieved so much in such a small amount of time, but far more needs to be achieved. We've only just started to scratch the surface."

Mr Griffiths said: "I am delighted that the Prime Minister has recognised the importance of the Take Five Minutes campaign and the role played by the Mail in raising awareness of this vitally important issue.

"Yet again the Mail has shown it is a newspaper that champions the causes of our community and this work has now come to the attention of Mr Cameron."



**JOINING FORCES ... Prime Minister David Cameron with MP Andrew Griffiths holding a copy of the Burton Mail during a visit to the town.**